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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Anthony Pettway

Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA ALLENTOWN DIVISION

Anthony Pettway, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Docket No:

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

VS.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Nationwide Credit, Inc.,

Defendant.

Anthony Pettway, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains, states and alleges against Nationwide Credit, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (the "FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.

4. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted business within the State of Pennsylvania.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Anthony Pettway is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Nassau County, New York.
 - 6. Plaintiff is a natural person allegedly obligated to pay a debt.
 - 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. On information and belief, Defendant Nationwide Credit, Inc., is a Pennsylvania Corporation with a principal place of business in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.
- Defendant regularly collects or attempts to collect debts asserted to be owed to others.
- Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
 - 11. The principal purpose of Defendant's business is the collection of such debts.
 - 12. Defendant uses the mails in its debt collection business.
 - 13. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS SPECIFIC TO PLAINTIFF

- 14. Defendant alleges Plaintiff owes a debt ("the alleged Debt").
- 15. The alleged Debt is an alleged obligation of Plaintiff to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
 - 16. The alleged Debt does not arise from any business enterprise of Plaintiff.
 - 17. The alleged Debt is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 18. At an exact time known only to Defendant, the alleged Debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.
- 19. At the time the alleged Debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection, the alleged Debt was in default.
- 20. In its efforts to collect the alleged Debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by letter ("the Letter") dated January 25, 2020. (A true and accurate copy is annexed hereto as "Exhibit 1.")

- 21. The Letter conveyed information regarding the alleged Debt.
- 22. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).
- 23. The Letter was received and read by Plaintiff.
- 24. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e protects Plaintiff's concrete interests. Plaintiff has the interest and right to be free from deceptive and/or misleading communications from Defendant. As set forth herein, Defendant deprived Plaintiff of this right.
- 25. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 26. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) prohibits the use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt.
- 27. A debt collection practice can be a "false, deceptive, or misleading" practice in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e even if it does not fall within any of the subsections of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 28. A collection letter violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if, in the eyes of the least sophisticated consumer it is open to more than one reasonable interpretation, at least one of which is inaccurate.
- 29. A collection letter also violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.
- 30. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, the failure to clearly and accurately identify the owner of a debt is unfair and deceptive to the least sophisticated consumer.
- 31. The owner of a debt must be clearly conveyed from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
- 32. The owner of a debt must be accurately conveyed from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
- 33. The owner of a debt must be conveyed without ambiguity from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
 - 34. The identity of the owner of a debt is a material piece of information to a consumer.
- 35. Knowing the identity of the owner of a debt affects how a consumer responds to a debt collector's attempts to collect the debt.
- 36. The Letter fails to identify by name and label any entity as "creditor," "current creditor," "account owner," or "creditor to whom the debt is owed."

- 37. Rather, the Letter provides only, "Original Creditor: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK USA, N.A."
 - 38. The Letter demands payment be made to Nationwide Credit, Inc.
- 39. The least sophisticated consumer would be confused as to whether the owner of the alleged Debt is the "original" creditor JPMORGAN CHASE BANK USA, N.A., the entity to which payment must be made Nationwide Credit, Inc., or some other unnamed entity.
- 40. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be confused as to the owner of the alleged Debt.
- 41. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be uncertain as to owner of the alleged Debt.
- 42. Because the Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings concerning the owner of the alleged Debt, one of which is inaccurate as described, it is deceptive within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 43. Because the Letter is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer concerning the owner of the alleged Debt as described, it is deceptive within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
 - 44. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived by the Letter.
- 45. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived in a material way by the Letter.
- 46. For the foregoing reasons, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(10) and is liable to Plaintiff therefor.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 47. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of Pennsylvania.
 - 48. Plaintiff seeks to certify a class of:

All consumers to whom Defendant sent a collection letter failing to explicitly state the owner of the alleged Debt, substantially and materially similar to the Letter sent to Plaintiff, which letter was sent on or after a date one year prior to the filing of this action to the present.

49. This action seeks a finding that Defendant's conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.

- 50. The Class consists of more than thirty-five persons.
- 51. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law or fact raised by this action affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.
- 52. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendant has acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.
- 53. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this action will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendant's conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

JURY DEMAND

54. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment be entered:

- a. Certifying this action as a class action; and
- b. Appointing Plaintiff as Class Representative and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel;
- c. Finding Defendant's actions violate the FDCPA; and
- d. Granting damages against Defendant pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- e. Granting Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- f. Granting Plaintiff's costs; all together with

g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: April 28, 2020

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By: Melissa Pirillo, Esquire

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ACCOUNT NUMBER:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX383
NCI ID:	1817
ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$3,532.78
AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	

24-hour account access: https://www.myaccount.ncirm.com

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REMIT TO:

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PO Box 14581

Des Moines IA 50306-3581

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*** Please See Reverse Side of This Letter for Important Consumer Information ***

Please Detach and Return this Stub in the Enclosed Envelope with your Check or Money Order - Make Sure the "Remit to" Address appears in the Window



Nationwide Credit, Inc.

PO Box 14581 Des Moines, IA 50306-3581 Monday-Friday 8 AM to 6 PM ET 1-866-428-0926

ACCREDITED Nationwide Credit, Inc. has a Better Business Bureau Rating of A+

NCI ID: 1817

Original Creditor: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

Account Number: XXXXXXXXXXXXX2383

Payment No. Payment Received by NCI Payment Amount

Account Balance: \$3,532.78 Settlement Offer: \$1,943.02

Date: 01/25/2020

Dear ANTHONY PETTWAY

Nationwide Credit, Inc. ("NCI") sent you a letter, more than thirty (30) days ago, advising you that your past due account was placed with us for collection. The Account Balance is shown above.

You can settle this account according to the payment arrangement shown in the table below:

Payment No.	Payment Received by NCI	Payment Amount
1	02/10/2020	\$647.67
2	03/10/2020	\$647.67
3	04/10/2020	\$647.68



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This offer is contingent upon NCI receiving the payment pursuant to the payment schedule mentioned in the above table. If you fail to meet any terms of the Settlement Agreement, NCI may, at its discretion, cancel the Settlement Agreement or offer you a new settlement agreement. NCI is not obligated to renew this offer.

Secure Online Portal: myaccount.ncirm.com is available 24 hours a day to schedule payments, negotiate alternatives, manage your account and more!

Login using your NCI ID: 1817 and Password: Last four digits of your SSN

Pay by Mail: Send a check or money order to Nationwide Credit, Inc. PO Box 14581 Des Moines, IA 50306-3581

Reference your NCI ID on your check or money order

Pay by Phone: Toll free 1-866-428-0926

Sincerely,

MICHAEL ADDINGTON

Nationwide Credit, Inc.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt by a debt collector or consumer collection agency and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR OR CONSUMER COLLECTION AGENCY AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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